

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) Method of redirecting a request for a web service in a data transmission network wherein, in response to a request forwarded by a host of a client to a web service provider, the web service provider provides a Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) file based upon a message exchange protocol on a transport protocol;

said method comprising:

forwarding a first request from the client to an old address of said web service,

responding to the client from a web service point associated with said old address by sending back a message with a header, wherein the header using said message exchange protocol contains a redirection to a new address of the requested web service, and

forwarding a second request from the client to the new address of said web service.

2. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said new address of the requested web service is logged by said host to allow code changes in the client in order to direct future requests to the new address.

3. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 2, wherein said message exchange protocol is Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) and said redirection is a SOAP header tag.

4. (Currently Amended) System for redirecting a request for a web service in a data transmission network wherein, in response to a request forwarded by a host of a client to a web service provider, the web service provider provides a Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) file based upon the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) on a transport protocol;

said system comprising:

a checker in a SOAP runtime of said service provider being adapted to check whether a request forwarded from a SOAP runtime of a client over the data transmission network to said service provider has to be redirected to a new point address and to provide the new point address to which the request must be forwarded, said new point address being provided in a SOAP response message forwarded from said service provider at an old point address to said SOAP runtime of the client, and

a checker in said SOAP runtime of the client adapted to check whether said SOAP response message contains the new point address and regenerate the same request and to forward [[it]] the request over the data transmission network to said new point address.

5. (Previously Presented) System according to claim 4, further comprising a list of outdated web services to which said checker in the SOAP runtime of the service provider has access to check whether said request has to be redirected to a new point address.

6. (Previously Presented) System according to claim 4, wherein said new point address is provided in a header of said SOAP response message.

7. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the transport protocol comprises Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

8. (Previously Presented) System according to claim 4, wherein the transport protocol comprises Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP).